

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof;

(c) whether any review was made of the works undertaken under this scheme;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the manner in which the Government propose to utilize the expertise of the 700 Scientists/employees working under this scheme after scrapping of this scheme and the measures taken at the national level to monitor the quality of the foodgrains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (e) The post harvest operation scheme is one of the schemes identified for being weeded out by the Committee constituted in the Ministry of Finance to identify schemes which are redundant and non-essential. Such schemes have been conveyed to the concerned Ministry/Departments for further action. Food Ministry is to take appropriate follow-up action as far as this scheme is concerned.

#### **Trade with Saudi Arabia**

2684. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a huge imbalance of trade between India and Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a two day meeting of Indo-Saudi joint commission was held recently in New Delhi;

(d) if so, the areas so identified to reduce this huge imbalance of trade; and

(e) the steps taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (DR. BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH): (a) and (b) The bilateral trade between India and Saudi Arabia was Rs.11933.43 crores in 1996-97. While Imports from Saudi Arabia were Rs. 9931.35 crores, Exports were Rs. 2002.08 crores, leaving a huge trade balance in favour of Saudi Arabia. It is mainly on account of oil imports of India from that country.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. A Two day meeting of Indo-Saudi Joint Commission was held recently in New Delhi on 11-12th June, 1997. For further expanding the existing level of bilateral trade, the two sides identified possibilities for cooperation in the fields of transport, agricultural equipment, software, construction materials, food and agricultural products, drugs and pharmaceuticals, petro-chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Both sides agreed to encourage participation of private sector in bilateral trade and joint ventures, exchange of commercial information, exchange of commercial delegations, and participation in trade fairs, to boost the bilateral trade.

#### **PMRY Schemes in North-east (Assam)**

2685. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Lead Bank are reluctant to finance the PMRY Schemes in the North-East, particularly Assam, because of non-recovery of loan sanctioned earlier;

(b) if so, the number of schemes pending with different banks, in Assam since last three years and the steps initiated by the Ministry for its clearance;

(c) whether the entire 15 Nos. PMRY Schemes taken up for implementation during last financial year in Lakhimpur District of Assam were rejected by UBI on similar ground; and

(d) if so, the measures proposed to be taken in future so that entrepreneurs can avail this opportunity of self-employment and the required financial support of ensured through alternative arrangement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The performance of banks in the North Eastern Region including Assam State during the last three years as furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is given in the attached statement-I, II and III. RBI has further reported that in a review meeting held recently, banks inter alia pointed out lack of adequate infrastructure facilities and poor recovery performance in the State of Assam. However, the banks have sanctioned loans under PMRY at around 55% of the target in Assam State and 60% in North Eastern Region as a whole during 1996-97

(b) RBI has reported that the cases pending with the banks in the North Eastern Region including Assam State as on 31st March during the last three years are as under:

Year	No.
1994-95	1254
1995-96	3252
1996-97	3014

Bank have been advised by RBI to take up the cases pending at the close of programme year i.e. 31st March for sanction in the next programme year.

(c) and (d) United Bank of India has reported that out of 208 sponsored proposals in Lakhimpur District in 1996-97, 55 proposals were rejected, inter-alia on account of the following reasons:

- (i) Non Viability
- (ii) Delayed sponsoring
- (iii) Eligibility criteria (income/educational qualification) not fulfilled

(iv) Default in earlier loans

It may be added that Special Cell has been created in RBI to look into the improvement of flow of credit to the North Eastern Region.

(v) Covered by other Schemes already in operation

**Statement-I**

*Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for Educated Unemployed Youth (PMRY)—Programme Year 1994-95  
Report showing cumulative position in the quarter ended 31st March, 1995*

Name of the Bank : All Scheduled Commercial Banks in North Eastern Region

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the State/Union Territory	Target	No. of applications received	Total Loans Sanctioned			Total Loans Disbursed		
			No.	Amount	% of Col. 4 to 2	No.	Amount	% of Col. 7 to 4
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Assam	6600	7481	5582	4209.90	84.6	2575	1832.76	46.1
Manipur	2000	2316	1834	1175.90	91.7	398	324.05	21.7
Meghalaya	300	350	282	187.40	94.0	91	55.59	32.3
Nagaland	250	237	205	183.59	82.0	126	94.25	61.5
Tripura	1000	1171	775	626.95	77.5	83	54.02	10.7
Arunachal Pradesh	250	254	159	98.30	63.6	90	15.02	61.6
Mizoram	250	392	193	165.13	77.2	11	7.89	5.7

**Statement-II**

*Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for Educated Unemployed Youth (PMRY)—Programme Year 1995-96  
Report showing cumulative position for the year ended March, 1996*

(Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the Bank : All Scheduled Commercial Banks in North Eastern Region

Name of the State/Union Territory	Target	No. of applications received	Total Loans Sanctioned			Total Loans Disbursed		
			No.	Amount	% of Col. 4 to 2	No.	Amount	% of Col. 7 to 4
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Assam	10125	11868	8781	6773.13	86.8	7478	5404.77	85.1
Manipur	4000	1974	1272	1113.24	31.8	1134	820.85	89.2
Meghalaya	550	601	534	115.77	97.1	391	211.67	73.2
Nagaland	300	312	295	228.78	98.3	292	210.49	99.0
Tripura	1300	1799	1407	964.85	108.2	673	432.79	47.8
Arunachal Pradesh	300	305	256	190.81	85.3	226	139.07	88.3
Mizoram	250	350	250	230.99	100.0	215	162.04	86.0

## Statement-III

Prime Minister's Rozgar Yojana for Educated Unemployed Youth (PMRY)—Programme Year 1996-97

Name of The Bank : All Scheduled Commercial Banks

(Amount: Rs. in Lakhs)

Name of the State/ Union Territory	Target*	Applications received	Application Sanctioned		% to target	Applications disbursed		% in Sanction	Application Pending
			No.	Amount		No.	Amount		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Assam	15000	12517	8307	6404.69	55.4	3611	2179.99	43.5	1909
Manipur	3000	2327	1908	1437.76	63.6	1046	786.01	54.8	109
Meghalaya	825	472	417	324.96	50.5	133	61.52	31.9	28
Nagaland	450	411	380	248.21	84.4	293	142.00	77.1	21
Tripura	1950	2627	1553	1073.23	79.6	288	124.8	18.5	692
Arunachal Pradesh	450	418	387	264.89	86.0	106	67.17	27.4	15
Mizoram	375	572	217	200.78	57.9	17	14.45	7.8	183

## Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme

2686. SHRI CHURCHILL ALEMAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the date from which the Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme was introduced, the year-wise allocation made thereunder and the number of textile workers covered under the Scheme, year-wise;

(b) the number of applications for compensation under the scheme are pending with the Textiles Commissioners, region-wise and mill-wise;

(c) the details of mills in public, private, joint and co-operative sector to which this scheme has been extended and the number of mills covered thereunder, region-wise, and

(d) the details of the mills to which this scheme is proposed to be extended?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA):

(a) and (b) A statement is attached.

(c) The benefit under the scheme has so far been extended to 28 private sector mills only. The region-wise break-up is given below :

Region		No. of mills to whom benefit has been given (under TWRFS)
(i)	Regional Office, Mumbai.	3
(ii)	Regional Office, Ahmedabad.	22
(iii)	Regional Office, Coimbatore.	2
(iv)	Regional Office, Amritsar.	1
Total		28

(d) Proposals in respect of two private sector mills, namely M/s. Binod Mills and M/s. Mettur Textiles Ind.Ltd. have been received and the issue of eligibility is being examined.

## Statement

(a) Textile Workers Rehabilitation Fund Scheme came into force w.e.f. 15.9.86. The year-wise allocation and number of workers covered under the Scheme are given below: